

perfin page of the month

Our frequent feature, "Perfin Cover of the Month," is expanded here to "Perfin Page of the Month" in order to present a very interesting group of "whatsit" items submitted by Bob Schwerdt (#505):

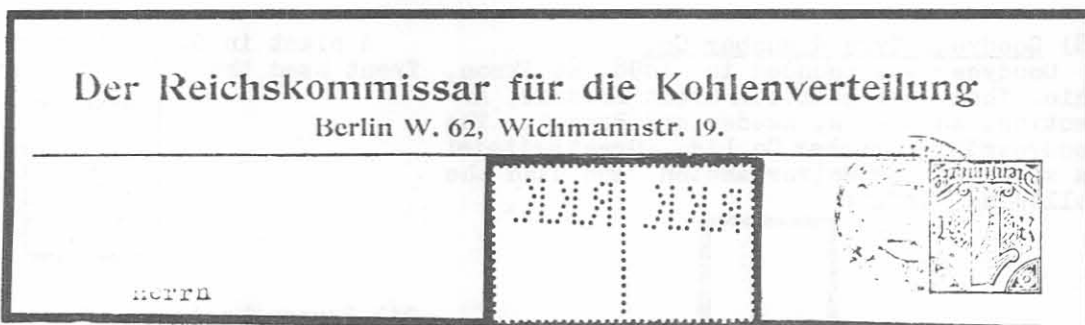


Figure 5

Figure 1 shows a pair of Austrian stamps with the letters "N.O." perforated in one and "E.G." in the other, apparently comprising a single Perfin covering two stamps. Can any member supply further information?



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Schwerdt suggests we start a search for the highest denomination stamp of any country bearing a Perfin. As a starter, he submits the stamp shown in Figure 2, a 50-pound value of British South Africa Company bearing the Perfin "USED". Any challengers?

Figure 3 shows a Land Registry revenue stamp, presumably of Great Britain, bearing a large Perfin consisting of a crown and the letters "LR", in a large circle. Can anyone supply a reference concerning this Perfin?

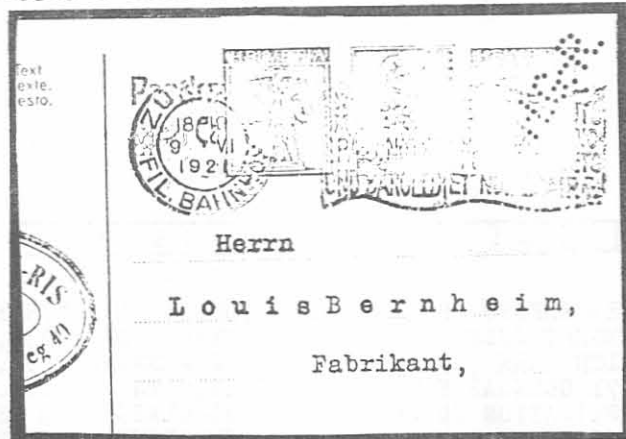


Figure 4

Figure 4 shows a partial view of a Swiss postal card with two adhesives added, each bearing an "H.G...R" Perfin. The same Perfin design is also perforated through the imprinted stamp on the card.

Figure 5 shows the top portion of a German cover bearing an official stamp with the Perfin "R.K.K." Also shown is a pair of the "R.K.K." Perfins. As indicated by the inscription on the cover, the "R.K.K." stands for the Commissioner of Coal Distribution or something to that effect. This would appear to be an official Perfin, but the Michel catalog does not list it as it does the "POL" Perfins.

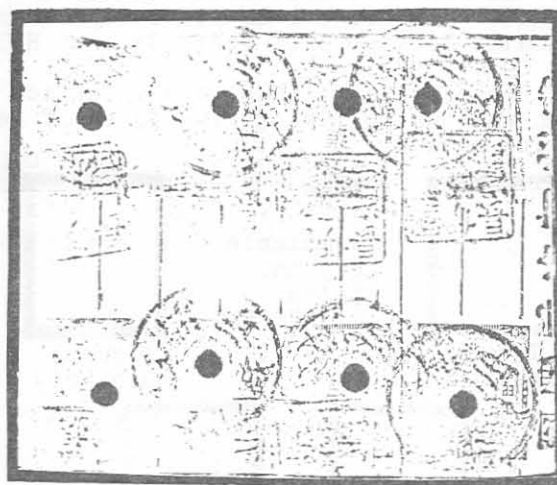


Figure 6

Figure 6 shows eight punched stamps on a piece (Japanese?) struck with both a square cancel and a circular cancel. In each instance the circular cancel centers exactly on the punched hole, giving rise to the supposition that the circular cancelling device may also have included a center punch. Can any member shed further light on this item?

Figure 7 shows what may be a Japanese revenue stamp. Its Perfin design is not listed in the Adachi catalog. Who can give the identification?



Figure 7

Our thanks to Bob Schwerdt for this group of "whatsit" items. Perhaps Bob's example will spur other members to send in their own "whatsit" items for publication.